

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 20 with the following amended paragraph:

The pickup device of the present invention is a device for controlling a position of the first electrode and a tracking operation of the first electrode. The first electrode is, for example, a probe. The pickup device is used for recording information or data in the recording medium using a dielectric material (~~It is~~ referred to as a dielectric recording medium[[.]] or reproducing information recorded in the dielectric recording medium. A technique that information or data is recorded in the dielectric material by applying an electric field to the dielectric material is developed. In this technique, the electric field stronger than the coercive electric field of the dielectric material is applied to the dielectric material. By this, a polarization direction of the dielectric material is changed and set. By applying the electric field corresponding to information or data to be recorded, the information of data can be recorded to the dielectric material. The pickup device of the present invention is used in such technique. The pickup device is provided with: the first electrode (probe) on one end of the arm which rotates around a rotating shaft of the rotation mechanism; and the electrode holding member for holding the probe. The probe (first electrode) serves as a recording / reproducing head. The probe swings in a direction perpendicular to the track of the dielectric recording medium to perform track search and tracking servo. According to the pickup device of the present invention, it is possible to realize the pickup device for dielectric recording with a simple structure. Moreover, the pickup device of this type can be easily produced and is suitable for mass-production.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 16 with the following amended paragraph:

According to this aspect, the probe and electrode holding member can be insulated from ~~from~~ the arm in electricity. Moreover, the electrode holding member contains a conductive member, so that it is possible to send an electrical signal to the probe and receive an electrical signal from the probe via the electrode holding member. Since the probe is extremely small, it is not easy to send an electrical signal to the probe and receive an electrical signal from the probe

directly. According to this aspect of the present invention, the sending and receiving of electric signals for the probe become easy.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 19 with the following amended paragraph:

According to this aspect, recording / reproducing operations can be performed on a plurality of recording tracks at a time, so that a data transfer rate increases. Moreover, in the case that the electrode holding member is made by using an insulating material, it is ~~it is~~ possible to insulate the probes from each other in electricity. Furthermore, the common return electrode can be used as electrodes for returning a high-frequency electric field applied from respective probes. For example, the one end of the arm is preferably used as the return electrode.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 5 with the following amended paragraph:

According to this aspect, the probe is placed at one end of the arm portion, and a so-called linear motor is placed at the other end of the arm portion. In this case, the rotating shaft is located between the probe and the linear motor. This motor is a relatively simple drive mechanism in which the movement of its movable part is controlled with the magnitude and direction of current flowing ~~flow~~ in a coil placed in a parallel magnetic field. The arm is controlled with this motor so as to provide rotational reciprocating motion within a predetermined range on the basis of the control signals of track search and tracking servo.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 19 with the following amended paragraph:

According to this aspect, the probe can be protected by the electrode holding member. Moreover, it is possible to prevent the probe from ~~from~~ bumping against the dielectric recording medium, so that the surface of the dielectric recording medium can be also protected.

Please replace the Abstract with amended Abstract on a separate sheet included in the Appendix.